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Senate Bill No. 885

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The Committee on Public Health reported through SEN. GERRATANA of the 6th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT PERMITTING INQUIRY ACCESS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' ABUSE AND NEGLECT REGISTRY FOR CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS WHICH RECRUIT VOLUNTEERS TO WORK WITH PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 17a-247b of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (c) The department shall make information in the registry available
5 only to: (1) Authorized agencies, for the purpose of protective service
6 determinations; (2) employers who employ individuals to provide
7 services to a department client; [or] (3) the Departments of Children
8 and Families and Mental Health and Addiction Services, for the
9 purpose of determining whether an applicant for employment appears
10 on the registry; or (4) charitable organizations which recruit volunteers
11 to support programs for persons with intellectual disability, upon

- 12 application to and approval by the commissioner, for purposes of
13 conducting background checks on such volunteers.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	17a-247b(c)
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PH *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in no fiscal impact to the state as the Department of Developmental Services currently maintains the abuse and neglect registry for designated state agencies. Allowing approved organizations to access the registry has no fiscal impact.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 885*****AN ACT PERMITTING INQUIRY ACCESS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' ABUSE AND NEGLECT REGISTRY FOR CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS WHICH RECRUIT VOLUNTEERS TO WORK WITH PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill permits charitable organizations that recruit volunteers to support programs for people with intellectual disabilities to access the Department of Developmental Services' (DDS) abuse and neglect registry to conduct background checks on volunteers. It requires these organizations to apply to and get approval from the DDS commissioner before accessing the registry.

By law, DDS maintains a registry of individuals who have been terminated or separated from employment due to substantiated abuse or neglect of people with intellectual disabilities. Current law limits access to (1) authorized agencies, for the purpose of protective service determinations; (2) employers whose employees provide services to DDS clients; or (3) the departments of Children and Families and Mental Health and Addiction Services to check whether a job applicant is listed there.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 26 Nay 0 (03/07/2011)